

## THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



## LORET COLLECTION TO ANS

The Roman department of the ANS has become the beneficiary of one of the largest donations in recent memory. A collection of over 1,900 Roman and related coins was donated in December by Charlene Schosser and Lisa Loret, heirs of Kurt Loret and Peter Loret. The collection spans the period from the earliest republic to the fall of the Western empire, and includes a wide variety of coins, particularly in *aes*, that will enhance a long-weak area of the collection.

The formation of the collection was begun in the 1940s by Kurt Loret, who later emigrated to the United States from Austria, and continued through the

1980s. His son Peter Loret continued the collection and was responsible for its careful organization into the form in which it passed to the Society. In December Mr. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, travelled to California to oversee packing and shipping of the collection, where he enjoyed the hospitality of Shirlee (Mrs. Peter) Loret. While in California he was able to call on the assistance of Ben Lee Damsky and Gerald Borrmann, both of whom had been instrumental earlier in the year in organizing the ANS/SFANS/Berkeley symposium, and Frank and Renee Kovacs.



California members Gerald Borrmann and Ben Lee Damsky join ANS Chief Curator William E. Metcalf to pose with Shirlee Loret after packing the large gift to the Society's Roman Department

Saltus Exhibit  
Features  
Shagin, Brenner

Two exhibits featuring the work of medalists who came to America from Eastern Europe open at the Saltus Award meeting on February 18. They will continue through April 22 in the East Hall of the Society's headquarters.

The Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal goes this year to Alex Shagin, who emigrated to this country 15 years ago from the Soviet Union, where he was an engraver at the Leningrad Mint. In the time he has been in this country, he has established himself as one of the leading independent medalists and has established his own company, Artum, to produce and market his work. The retrospective exhibit at the ANS includes work from his early days in Leningrad, including his medal for the Apollo-Soyuz mission, and a retrospective sample of his American work.

Also opening at the Saltus Meeting is an exhibit of the work of Victor D. Brenner, taken from the Society's definitive collection of his work. It will share the East Hall with the permanent exhibit on American Numismatic Design, 1892-1922, which features a large plaster model of Lincoln by Brenner and other pieces related to his design for the cent. The temporary exhibit will focus on his medallic work, including many pieces

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which he gave the Society during his lifetime and those from his personal collection, which was given to the Society in 1987 by Brenner's nephew David R. Lit. Many of these pieces have never before been on exhibit and some are lacking in the published catalogues of Brenner's work. In addition to medals, the exhibit includes letters, drawings and dies and one of the artist's few statues. Of special interest are Brenner's unpublished proofs for the Dominican Republic peso of 1897, which differ from the circulating issues which he engraved for the U.S. Mint, as well as designs by him for the U.S. silver dollar in 1895, a new discovery by Alan Stahl, ANS Curator of Medals (see related story).

The exhibits will be on view Tuesday through Saturday, 9 AM-4:30 PM and Sunday 1-4 PM through April 22. As the East Hall is frequently used for seminars and school groups, the exhibit will be closed to the public on some occasions; it is wise to call ahead to confirm its accessibility: 212/234-3130.

## *New Brenner Coin Design Identified*

A model by Victor D. Brenner of a proposal for the United States silver dollar of 1895 has been identified in the collection of the American Numismatic Society and will go on public display on February 18 at the Society. The model was made more than a decade before Brenner's design for the Lincoln cent, which is still in use and has become the most widely issued coin design in world history.

The discovery was made by ANS Curator Alan M. Stahl, who was in the process of organizing an exhibit of Brenner's work to open in conjunction with the Society's annual Saltus Award presentation for signal achievement in the art of the medal. Using the Society's computerized data bank, Stahl called up all records of gifts by Brenner to the Society, which numbered 33 separate accessions from 1894 up to the artist's death in 1923. One of these gifts was described as "Bronze cast of his design for a US silver dollar, obv. and rev., from model exhibited at the National Sculpture Society exhibition May 7-21 1895." Among the Society's large collection of U.S. coinage patterns, models, and dies, Stahl found a set of cast bronze models, 6 inches in diameter, for a silver dollar, dated 1895 and signed B.

### *Corrects Previous Attribution*

The models had been published in 1966 by Don Taxay in his book on *The U.S. Mint and Coinage* identified as the work of Charles Barber. Stahl surmised, "Taxay must have visited the ANS while working on his book, seen the unlabeled models and assumed the B meant Barber, the engraver at the U.S. mint. He was apparently unaware of the public exhibition sponsored by the ANS and the NSS in 1895, in which 25 artists displayed their projects for a new dollar design. Barber was not among them, nor is there any record of the ANS having received any of his designs or models. The winner of the competition was Albert Jaegers, who donated the galvanos of his design to the Society; Taxay thought that these must have been by Barber's colleague and rival George T. Morgan. In the end, the U.S. Mint and Treasury ignored all these suggestions for new designs, and the silver dollar remained unchanged for another 25 years."

### *Other Brenner Patterns*

Also on display in the exhibition will be two unpublished Brenner patterns for the coinage of the Dominican Republic of 1897. In that year, the coinage for the Dominican Republic was moved from the French Mint to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, and Brenner was apparently hired to copy the French dies with appropriate modifications. Among the large gift of pieces from Brenner's personal collection, donated to the ANS in 1887 by the artist's nephew David R. Lit, are a pattern and lead die trial for the Dominican issue. These differ from the circulating coinage as issued by the Philadelphia mint in the lettering of the die and illustrate the changes which Brenner made from the French model.

The exhibit, which includes many previously unpublished and unexhibited medallie works by Brenner, will open on February 18 at the ANS and run through April 22, Tuesday through Saturday, 9 to 4:30; Sunday 1 to 4.



*U.S. silver dollar coin design, dated 1895, by Victor D. Brenner*



## Bennington Students do Field Work at ANS

As in past years, students from Bennington College are working at the ANS as part of their Field Work Term curriculum. This year we have two students, working in the Medals and Islamic Departments.

Shawnette Sulker is inventorying the Society's extensive collection of medals of the French Revolution and Napoleon. A native of Brooklyn and a graduate of Midwood High School, she is a senior at Bennington, majoring in music. When asked her reaction to work at the ANS, she replied:

"I have enjoyed working for the ANS over the past three weeks. My first week here went by swiftly, as I was learning a foreign computer system, the steps involved in researching the individual medals I would be working with, and what information was of high importance. During the second week, I was gaining a better grasp of how to proceed with the tasks given to me and felt generally more at ease, although I did often have to return to Dr. Stahl's office with even more questions. By the third week, I felt more confident to tackle a lot of these problems on my own and was able to work at a more relaxed and quick pace.

"I look forward to the remaining weeks and anticipate that they will be filled with new things to learn. This has also been a great opportunity for me to improve my French language skills. I feel very comfortable working in this office. All of the curators and staff in general have been very helpful in helping me to adjust and in answering any questions I might have."

Maliha Subhani is a native of Karachi, Pakistan. A sophomore at Bennington majoring in economics, she has been working with the Society's collection of South Asian coinage. She says of her work at the ANS:

"Ring the bell every time I want to enter the office and being watched by a camera 9 to 5 is taking a bit of getting used to, but otherwise working at the ANS up until now has been quite pleasurable.



Bennington students Maliha Subhani and Shawnette Sulker

sant. I have to admit that there are frustrations attached to the task of data entry. Not being able to identify certain coins despite all my efforts can be quite discouraging at times, even though I realize that it is only partially due to my lack of knowledge and often because of the limited information and inadequate cataloguing of that data which is available. There is, however, compensation for these efforts from the feeling of accomplishment on finishing a whole tray of Indian coins.

"My first week at the ANS was probably the most interesting because I was being introduced to a new system and learning the process of data entry. With Dr. Bates's help and guidance this task was achieved fairly easily. After that the aim shifted to speeding up the process. This is not to say that I do not run into problems any more, because a fair number arise every now and then and I must say that Dr. Bates has been very patient in answering my constant stream of questions.

"Looking ahead to my remaining time at the ANS, I can only hope that I am able to achieve the target that has been set for me."

## Numismatic Literature on Schedule

*Numismatic Literature* No. 133, the March 1995 issue, is expected to be distributed by the Society in mid-March. Last September's issue was behind schedule due to illness and the hiatus between editors. The continuing support of *NL*'s international Contributing Editors has allowed Harriet Schwartz, the new International Editor, to put the journal back on schedule. The titles and abstracts, book review notices, and obituaries in *NL* are provided by the Contributing Editors who reside all over the world and whose only "thank you" derives from being listed at the front of each volume.

### Now Computerized

Schwartz is producing *Numismatic Literature* on DOS based computer software and hopes to begin receiving material from the Contributing Editors on disk. Her final output for *NL* 132 was a disk containing fully formatted text files. Braun-Brumfield, who has been the printer of the journal for the last 14 years, created directly from her disk the film from which the printed pages were produced. This process has eliminated the time consuming steps in which the editor produced continuous high contrast copy which was physically cut into pages, aligned, and pasted up page by page. In turn, these pages were manually laid out by the printer in a four-up or eight-up configuration for printing.

The Society's Editorial Department seeks ways to improve the efficiency of its publishing operations while maintaining the high standards for which the ANS is recognized worldwide. Authors are encouraged to deliver manuscripts in disk format for publication in *AJN*; the recent major work by Philip L. Mossman, *Money of the American Colonies and Confederation*, was printed entirely from data files provided by the author.



## Seminar Alumni Speak at January Meeting

For the fifth consecutive year the Society's January public meeting was given over to presentations by returning Graduate Seminar students. On January 14 three alumnae of the 1994 Seminar returned to present their conclusions in illustrated talks. Following a welcome by ANS President Arthur A. Houghton III, the speakers were introduced in turn by the curators under whom they worked during the Seminar program.

William E. Metcalf, ANS Chief Curator and Curator of Roman and Byzantine Coins, first introduced Sarah T. Brooks, a Ph.D. candidate at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts, who spoke on "Coinage of the Theodosian Women," noting changes in style and attributes of five empresses in whose names coins were struck in the late fourth and fifth centuries. Next Mr. Metcalf introduced Georgia-Constantina Nikolaou, a doctoral candidate at the University of Ioannina in Greece, who talked on "The First Byzantine Coins with the Effigy of Christ." Her analysis dealt with aspects of style and mint organization in the reign of Justinian II.

ANS Curator of Medals, Alan M. Stahl, then took the podium to introduce



Participants in the ANS January public meeting: ANS President Arthur A. Houghton III; ANS Seminar alumna Sarah Lawrence, Georgia-Constantina Nikolaou, and Sarah T. Brooks; ANS Chief Curator William E. Metcalf

Sarah Lawrence, of Columbia University, spoke on "Valerio Belli's *Fantasie* of Ancient Coins," dealing with prototypes, both genuine and fantastic, for the

medalist's work.

The meeting was followed by a reception and, continuing another young tradition, an informal dinner at Carmine's.

## "Now is the time..."

Over the years, some of those members who have used our reading rooms have expressed a willingness to assist the Librarian should the need arise. With the steady increase in library visitation related to new Society programs and a rejuvenated acquisitions program bolstered by friends of the library, it seems that the need for assistance has arisen and consequently, that the opportunity to assist is now at hand.

Therefore, the Librarian extends an open invitation to those members who have a spare morning, afternoon, or perhaps an entire day, to discuss with him how they might volunteer. Anyone interested should direct letters or calls to the Librarian, Francis D. Campbell, Jr., at the ANS.

## Julian to Deliver Stack Memorial Lecture

R.W. Julian of Logansport, IN, has been invited by the Society to deliver the 1995 Stack Memorial Lecture at the ANS on April 22. The title of his illustrated talk is "The First Twenty-Five Years of the Philadelphia Mint." Mr. Julian intends to cover several topics, including engravers, designs, machinery, bullion sources and deposits, statistics, and coinage standards. While not going into detailed discussion of die varieties, he will discuss the involvement of some senior officials in die work, such as Adam Eckfeldt and the 1793 half cent.

### A Prolific Scholar

Mr. Julian is one of the most advanced scholars of American numismatics writing today. He has published

numerous articles on the mint, plus authoritative catalogues of U.S. Mint medals and medals of the assay commission. He did extensive research for the two volume book on silver dollars recently published by Q. David Bowers. Suffice that the Society's library card catalogue contains well over 400 entries from his prolific pen.

The hallmark of his work has been thorough archival research. Mr. Julian is not limited to American coins alone, however; readers of *World Coin News* will be familiar with his articles on the history of Russian coinage. His last major work was a catalogue of Russian silver coinage, which is a very welcome substitute for the older catalogue by Severin.

The Stack Memorial Lecture is presented at the ANS each April through the courtesy of the Stack family of New York. A reception will follow Mr. Julian's presentation.

## COAC 1995 Taking Shape

Ever since November 1984, when the first Coinage of the Americas Conference was held, this annual event has attracted wide attention. Within these symposia, distinguished speakers have covered a variety of topics related to American numismatics.

This year, the eleventh COAC is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 28, 1995, at the ANS, with the selected theme, "Coinage of the American Confederation Period." The organizing committee has been liberal in its definition of the Confederation period to include coinages from 1776 to 1792, thus encompassing that section of our country's history from the Revolutionary War until the establishment of the Federal Mint.

The Chairman of COAC 1995 is Dr. Philip Mossman whose book on the subject, *Money of the American Colonies and Confederation, A Numismatic, Economic and Historical Correlation*, was recently published by the ANS as Numismatic Studies No. 20. Dr. Mossman's keynote address, "The Confederation: the Times and its Money," will introduce this full day conference on such topics as the ubiquitous Matthew Boulton, New Jersey coppers, Connecticut coppers, and Fugio cents.

### *Papers, Exhibits Solicited*

The program committee is currently soliciting papers on numismatic topics related to this eventful period. If interested, please contact the Chairman or John M. Kleeberg, Associate Curator of Modern Coins at the Society. We certainly invite your participation in COAC 1995—as a speaker, an exhibitor, or a member of the audience.



Dr. François de Callataÿ

## DE CALLATAÿ VISITING SCHOLAR

The Visiting scholar for the 1995 Graduate Seminar will be Dr. François de Callataÿ of the Bibliothèque Royale Albert 1<sup>er</sup>, Brussels.

Dr. de Callataÿ received his doctorate from the Université Catholique de Louvain in 1988; his doctoral dissertation was entitled "Histoire économique et monétaire des guerres mithridatiques," an economic and monetary history of the Mithridatic wars. Since that time he has been a contributor to major international periodicals, writing mainly on coinages of the hellenistic period; he is also interested in statistical applications to numismatics. His monograph *Les tétradrachmes d'Orodes II et de Phraate IV. Étude du rythme de leur production monétaire à la lumière d'une grande trouvaille* has just appeared as *Studia Iranica* vol. 14.

## Lectures on Sicily Scheduled

Arethusa is a newly established New York cultural organization dedicated to exploring Italian and Italian-American arts and culture. In collaboration with The Mercantile Library, Arethusa has organizing a lecture series, "Sicily: The Crossroads of Western Civilization," sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities. The series includes two lectures on classical Sicily, two on medieval Sicily and two on modern Sicily to 1870, presented on six consecutive Mondays between April 3 and May 8, 1995 at 7 PM at the Mercantile Library, 17 East 47 Street in New York. Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, ANS Margaret Thompson Curator of Greek Coins, will speak on "Understanding Sicily through its Ancient Coins," on April 10.

Arethusa's goal is to promote dialogue and understanding among people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. For more information, contact Marina Amari, 212/006-0704.

## ROMAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

The second E. Togo Salmon Conference on Roman Studies will be held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, September 29–30, 1995. The theme of this conference, conducted by the Department of Classics, is *Roman Coins and Roman Society under the Empire*.

Among the seven participants from four nations listed in the preliminary program is William E. Metcalf, ANS Curator of Roman Coins, who will speak on "Coins as Primary Evidence."

Prof. Salmon, a historian of the ancient Roman world, was Messecar Professor of History at McMaster until 1973. Following his death in 1989, a fund was established in his memory that supports a major conference every two years, with publication of the papers. The first conference was held in 1993 on *Roman Theatre and Society*.



## KLEEBERG DELIVERS GORE LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

The Special Collections of the Library of the University of Notre Dame include a collection of early American coins donated to it by Robert Gore, Jr. To encourage more interest in this collection and foster research, the Head of Special Collections, Dr. Louis Jordan, recently inaugurated a Robert Gore Lecture in Numismatics. As the first of these lecturers, John Kleeberg went to Notre Dame, where he delivered a lecture entitled, "How were the Hessian Troops Paid?" This topic was recently the subject of some discussion in the *Colonial News Letter*, and Kleeberg was able to make use of some of the research reported there. For example, Gary Trudgen published some very useful extracts from the diary of an Ansbach-Bayreuth soldier, Johann Conrad Döhla. In addition to Döhla, Kleeberg discussed the hoard evidence and literary evidence, such as the memoirs of Baroness Friederike von Riedesel.

Besides delivering his lecture, Kleeberg also examined the collection. The collection was ably catalogued by the late Anton Masin, but there were some coins which had not yet been attributed, so Kleeberg brought along a copy of Newman's *Coinage for Colonial Virginia* to attribute the Virginia halfpence. There were two examples: one was a Newman 4-A9-P, with an extremely late die state of the reverse, with a big die break by the 1 of 1774; the other was Newman 26-A9-Y, in uncirculated condition, from the Cohen hoard. There was also a St. Patrick's farthing with a peculiar counterstamp: on the king side, T S/BS, on the St. Patrick's side, HT.

Besides the Gore type set, the Library also has a general collection of world coins, which seems to have been put together around the middle of this century, by someone who was "bottom fishing" through junk boxes. Whoever put the collection together had a good eye for interesting coins. In the Great Britain section of this collection Kleeberg came across some interesting counterfeit halfpence, such as the Machin's Mills Vlack 18-A9-87C; and a 1784 Bungtown which Breen calls very rare, namely

Vlack.14-A9-84A (Breen.974). There were also some Canadian blacksmith tokens (low Wood numbers) and three Frankfurt Judenpfennigs.

Notre Dame inspires great devotion in its alumni, perhaps more so than those of even Ivy League colleges. It has tremendous resources, and it has been using these resources to increase not only its physical plant, but its library collections and other scholarly assets. This is important because many traditional areas of scholarly research are being underfunded or even abandoned by many state and private universities. Notre Dame is now one of the few universities in the country teaching courses in palaeography, for example. The attention given to the numismatic collection is part of this drive to make the most of Notre Dame's scholarly assets.

## ANS COINS TO VISIT MANTUA

Fifty coins of Mantua from the ANS collection will be on loan to the Centro Internazionale d'Arte e Cultura di Palazzo Te, Mantua, for a comprehensive exhibition of coinage of the Gonzaga which will extend from September to December, 1995. The exhibit will include important pieces from the British Museum, the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, the Hermitage, and major Italian cabinets as well as those from the ANS.

Alan M. Stahl, ANS Curator of Medieval Coins, has written entries for the catalogue and will speak at a conference, under the presidency of Dr. Silvana Balbi de Caro, Director of the Numismatic Department of the Museo Nazionale, Rome, which will open the exhibit on September 9. The Ministry of Cultural Affairs is sponsoring the exhibition.

## ANS AT KALAMAZOO

As it has for the past 15 years, the Society's Medieval Department is sponsoring a session at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 4-7. The session will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 3:30 PM in Room 1120 Haworth Hall, on the campus of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. This year the speakers are all alumni of our Graduate Seminar.

The first talk will be by Gregor Kalas of Bryn Mawr College, an alumnus of this past summer, who will be speaking on "Papal Politics and the Mint of Rome, ca. A.D. 700." Warren Schultz, of the University of Chicago and the ANS 1991 seminar, will follow with "Before the 'New Ones': Developments in Mamluk Syrian Copper Coinage up to the Fifteenth Century." The third speaker will be Sarah E. Lawrence of this year's seminar, who will speak on "Imitation and Emulation, the *Fantasia* of Valerio Belli."

The session is organized and chaired by ANS Curator of Medieval Coins Alan Stahl, who will be a participant in a series of sessions in honor of Professor Donald Queller of the University of Illinois. Stahl's presentation in these sessions will discuss "Venetian Coinage in the Age of Enrico Dandolo."

The ANS will hold a reception for members, alumni and friends on Saturday, May 6, at 9 PM, in Room 1035 Fetzer Center, WMU campus. For further information on conference registration, contact The Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI 49008-3851; 616/387-8745; fax: 616/387-8750.

## AIA Talk by Kleeberg

John M. Kleeberg, ANS Curator of Modern Coins, will deliver a lecture on March 14 to the Northern New Jersey Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. The meeting will start at 8:15 PM in the Brantl Lecture Hall on the campus of Montclair State University. Chapter members and the public are cordially invited. Kleeberg's topic is "The Early Buildings of New York City: The Problem of the Numismatic Evidence."



## Freidus Awarded ANS Groves Fund Grant Book Prize to Ilisch

Dan Freidus of Ann Arbor, MI, has been awarded a \$2,000 research grant from the ANS, voted by the Society's Council at its January meeting. The grant, awarded on the recommendation of the Donald Groves Fund Committee, will support Dr. Freidus's research on Samuel Higley, a private Connecticut coiner whose "Higley coppers" are dated to 1737-39. In particular, Freidus will seek to identify the source of the copper used by Higley.

To date Freidus has done extensive die variety research on the coppers compiling a census which includes information on over 50 specimens of 15 different die varieties. In the course of this work, he has discovered two additional die varieties involving new marriages of known dies. A report on his work framed the topic of his illustrated talk at the Society's 1994 Coinage of the Americas Conference.

The Groves Fund grant will enable Freidus to travel to the ANS to work in the library and also to use New York as home base for trips to Hartford and Simsbury, CT for archival research; and perhaps also to New Canaan, CT where Higley descendent and ANS member Stuart Higley now resides. Grant funds will also pay for supplies and photography associated with the project. Freidus, who recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in plant biology, is married and the father of a newborn daughter who had the privilege of attending her first COAC this past October.

### Donald Groves Fund

Through the Donald Groves Fund, the ANS seeks to promote research and publication in the field of early American numismatics involving material dated no later than 1800. Applications for research support are welcome; funding is also provided for publication of manuscripts meeting the Fund's criteria. Applications are reviewed periodically by the Donald Groves Fund Committee which makes its recommendations to the Society's Council. Members of the Committee include: Mrs. Marion G. Russell, Chairman; Richard G. Doty; John M. Kleeberg; and Donald G. Partrick.



Grove Fund Grant recipient Dan Freidus



and family

## Polar Exploration Medals Project

Glenn M. Stein has embarked on a book project to record official and unofficial medals related to polar exploration. For this purpose he would appreciate receiving information on polar related awards, particularly those other than U.S. or British. All correspondence will be acknowledged.

Mr. Stein may be reached at 1268 Foxforrest Circle, Apopka, FL 32712-2335 or 407/884-4148.

The ANS Committee on Islamic and South Asian Coins has awarded its annual prize for the best book on Islamic coinage to Dr. Lutz Ilisch for *Sylloge Numorum Arabicorum Tübingen. IVa Bilād aš-Šām I: Palästina*. The prize includes an award of \$250.

This is the first volume in a projected series that will make the entire Islamic collection of the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen available to scholars and students everywhere. Like the *Sylloge Numorum Graecorum*, the volumes will be organized geographically and will illustrate every coin on the page facing the written description, allowing direct study of the coinage. It is hoped that the Tübingen sylloge will be a model for similar publications by other museums and private collectors.

### Palestine-Syria

This volume includes the coins from Palestine and southern Bilād al-Shām or Syria, 577 objects in all. The majority of them represent the interesting and controversial coinage of the seventh and eighth centuries, but there are also important series from the Fatimid and Ayyubid eras. Crusader coins issued from southern mints are also included. In addition to the catalogue, Ilisch has included in his introduction to the volume a new chronology of the eighth-century Arabic issues of Bilād al-Shām which is highly plausible and will be an important basis for future study.

### Awarded Annually

The Committee's Islamic Book Prize is awarded annually for the best book published in the previous two years. Publications on any aspect of Islamic numismatics or monetary history in any part of the world are eligible, except for books by members of the Committee and collections of articles.



## 1997 INC Scheduled

The Twelfth International Numismatic Congress will take place in Berlin, September 8-12, 1997. This will be the first such congress ever held in Germany. The organizers are the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz, in collaboration with the International Numismatic Commission.

The Congress itself will be held in the rooms of the prestigious Humboldt Universität on the city's most famous street, Unter den Linden, in the historic center of the city and in the immediate vicinity of the Museumsinsel with its world-renowned treasures. Four days will be devoted to plenary and special-interest sections, and the fifth day will be free for excursions around Berlin. The traditional *Survey of Numismatic Research* will be presented at the Congress, and a limited-issue medal will commemorate the Congress.

### Information, Registration

Those interested in further information or in participating in the Congress should write: Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz; Münzkabinett; Bodestraße 1-3; D-10178 Berlin, Germany.

The organizing committee plans to communicate regularly by mail and by releases to keep those interested up to date on its activities and to provide necessary information as the time of the Congress approaches. A detailed brochure will be distributed later this year.

## Conference to Honor Mando Oeconomides

An international conference honoring the former director of the Athens Numismatic Museum, Dr. Mando Oeconomides, is scheduled to take place in Athens, May 31-June 1, 1995. The theme chosen for the papers is the relationship between the practice of archaeology and the study of numismatic material. There will be a particular interest in the awareness shown by the archaeologists working in Greece today in the nature of numismatic evidence, its potential and its limits. The program will include 15 to 18 speakers and the papers

## METCALF AT AIA

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, was the staff member representing the ANS at the annual meetings of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, but he had plenty of company: over 75 friends and alumni attended the ANS reception on December 28, and over a dozen Seminar alumni were represented on the programs of the two institutions.

The meetings always provide a useful forum for the exchange of ideas as well as a place to renew old acquaintances. Robert Bauslaugh, Associate Professor of Classics at Emory University, was a member of the local organizing committee, and chaired the session on coins and jewelry, which included presentations by Seminar alumni Brooks Emmons Levy, Elizabeth Kosmetatou, Constantin Marinescu, Liane Houghtalin and John D. MacIsaac jointly; others represented on the programs included Fred Albertson, Barbara Burrell, Elizabeth Carney, Sarah E. Cox, Virginia DaCosta, Melissa Dowling, Mark D. Fullerton, T. James Luce, Kaelyn A. McGregor, Nancy Moore, Lee Ann Riccardi, Matthew Santirocco, Jennifer A. Sheridan, David Smart, Roberta Stewart, Gavin Sundwall, Donald Whitcomb and Susan Wood.

will be published.

The organizers of the conference are Dr. Ch. Papageorgiadou, Banis Research Centre for Greek and Roman Antiquity, Athens; Dr. M.J. Price, British School at Athens; Dr. K.A. Sheedy, Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens; and Dr. J. Touratsoglou, Numismatic Museum, Athens. Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, Margaret Thompson Curator of Greek Coins, has been invited to participate in the program and will also represent the ANS.

## SNGMacedonia 2 Available

Volume 8 in the Society's *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum* series covers the early Macedonian rulers Alexander I through Philip II, 498 to 336 B.C. Compiled by Hyla A. Troxell, it contains descriptions and photographs of the 1,005 gold, silver, and bronze coins in the ANS's collection issued by ten rulers, Alexander I-Philip II, as well as Philip II's posthumous issues. There are six indices (denominations, obverse types, reverse types, markings, hoards, and imitations) and a concordance which cross references the ANS coins with SNGBerry.

SNGMacedonia 2 is part of the Society's on-going effort to make available for study all of its ancient Greek holdings. It follows volume 7, compiled by Nancy M. Waggoner, which reports the Society's 1,037 coins of Macedonian cities, Thraco-Macedonian Tribes, and Paeonian kings, with four indices—geographical, rulers and tribes, obverse types, and reverse types.

Sylloge volumes are not distributed to holders of the ANS Publications Subscription and must be ordered separately. *Macedonia 2: Alexander I-Philip II* is available from the Society for \$75.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling. *Macedonia 1: Macedonian Cities, Thraco-Macedonian Tribes, and Paeonian Kings* is available for \$60.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

### Special Price for Two Volumes

If you would like to obtain both Macedonian volumes, they are available as a set for \$120.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Included in this *ANSNewsletter* is a coupon for your convenience.



## SUPPORT ANS ANNUAL GIVING

### \$100 Gift Will Get You a Fine Zippered Tote

As 1995 begins, the ANS appeals to its members and friends to contribute to the Annual Giving Fund. All members received a letter from our new President, Arthur A. Houghton III in which he outlines some of the Society's concerns and provides information about the reorganization of Council Committees. He especially discussed the Education Committee and the Committee on Technology and Technical Applications. The new plans put forth by Arthur Houghton and our continued activities at the Society need your support.

Our educational programs are continuing and our Saturday seminars have proven very successful. Our public lectures are well received. The Coinage of the Americas Conference has been receiving excellent reviews; our series of co-sponsored programs taking place in cities distant from New York will continue. There will be a program in Chicago in conjunction with the Chicago Coin Club, and another program is contemplated for Boston. This Newsletter which is published four times a year and serves our members well is an expensive but worthy item. We believe that our Newsletter is a link with our members, and we always strive to give as much information as possible. We certainly welcome your suggestions and information that might make good copy for our readers.

In order to accomplish our goals, we need your help. With the various activities in process we hope to raise \$57,000 by May 1st. We have put our goal to \$125,000 for the year. We look forward to your support.

We take this opportunity to offer a special gift in 1995. For your contribution of at least \$100 you will receive the tote pictured here. This zippered tote in dark green with the ANS logo measures 18 x 13 and is made of sturdy duck with cotton webbing trip and handles.

An Annual Giving coupon is included in this issue. Please fill in the information requested and return it to the Society with your contribution. Remember, a gift of \$100 or more, will bring you an ANS Tote Bag by return mail.



## DUES RENEWAL UPDATE

The time has come to renew your ANS membership for 1995. Dues notices have been sent out to all paying members. Remember—April 1 is the renewal deadline. The basic membership for both Associates and Fellows is \$40.00, no increase from last year. Life Associates and Life Fellows are exempt from dues.

Have you considered becoming a Life Member for a one-time payment of \$1,000? In January 1995, three more members converted to Life Membership. Becoming a Life Member serves you and the Society. You will never have to think about your membership again. The *Annual Report* will make mention of your life membership.

Members are invited to join a Circle to benefit from enhanced membership benefits and demonstrate increased support for the work of the ANS. We have added a new Circle—the \$500 Electrum Circle. The benefits for each of the Circles are listed in your dues information.

This is the third year of our tiered dues structure. We are pleased to report the following: 103 members joined the Bronze Circle, 40 members joined the Silver Circle, and 7 members joined the Gold Circle during 1994. Circle members are listed separately in the Society's *Annual Report*.

## New Members Elected

At its meeting of January 14, the Council welcomed 35 new members, elected or reinstated as Associates.

New members include:

Mr. Olav Aamlid, Oslo, Norway  
 Mr. Bijan Anvar, New York, NY  
 Archäologisches Seminar und Museum,  
 Munster, Germany  
 Mr. Marcus Arguelles, Atwater, CA  
 Mr. Riaz Barbar, Colony Peshawar  
 Cantl, Pakistan  
 Mr. Hans Berquin, Brussels, Belgium  
 Mr. Giorgio Bordoli, Como, Italy  
 Mr. Theodore J. Bowman, Raytown,  
 MO  
 Prof. Jamsheed K. Choksy, Bloom-  
 ington, IN  
 Prof. Getzel M. Cohen, Cincinnati, OH  
 Mr. Arnaldo Efron, Houston, TX  
 Mr. Harry Eisenberg, Northvale, NJ  
 Mr. Joseph A. Esposito, Springfield, VA  
 Mr. Tyson Essenmacher, Rescue, CA  
 Mr. Patrick Finn, Kendal, Cumbria,  
 England  
 Dr. Antonio Alberto Guerrino, Buenos  
 Aires, Argentina  
 Mr. Detlev Holschu, Zurich,  
 Switzerland  
 Mr. Oliver Hoover, Hamilton, Ont.,  
 Canada  
 Ms. Arlene P. Jacobs, New York, NY  
 Mr. David W. Lange, Morris Plains, NJ  
 Ms. Katerini Liampi, Athens, Greece  
 Mr. Glenn W. Miller, Cherry Hill, NJ  
 Mr. George W. Norby, Casablanca,  
 Morocco  
 Mr. Craig Reider, Kirksville, MO  
 Mr. Michael N. Smith, Providence, RI  
 Mr. Jackson C. Storm, Glen Cove, NY  
 Mr. Sigurd C. Sundberg Jr., Cathedral  
 City, CA  
 Mr. Rian Thum, St. Louis, MO  
 Mr. David L. Vagi, New York, NY  
 Mr. Andre Verstandig, Brussels,  
 Belgium  
 Mr. Joao Felipe Vianna, Rio De  
 Janeiro, Brazil  
 Mr. Roger L. Walters, Auburn, CA

## Four Reinstated

At the January meeting, four previous members were admitted through reinstatement. Mr. Jackson Storm, Glen Cove, NY, was reinstated as a Fellow in

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respect of his long prior association with the ANS (Associate, 1966; Fellow, 1976). Those reinstated as Associate Members are:

Mr. Robert G. Hansen, Santa Barbara, CA

Mr. Paul A. Legutko, Brooklyn, NY

Mr. Thomas M. Pilitowski, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Associate membership in the ANS is open to all with an interest in numismatics. Members receive a range of benefits including the Society's annual journal, the *American Journal of Numismatics*, and are informed about forthcoming events and opportunities through receipt of the quarterly *ANS Newsletter* and special mailings.

### *New Life Members*

At its meeting on January 14, the Council recorded the following conversions to Life Membership: Mr. Olav Aamlid, Oslo, Norway, Life Associate; Mrs. Catherine Bullowa-Moore, Philadelphia, PA, Life Fellow; Dr. Arnold-Peter C. Weiss, Barrington, RI, Life Fellow.

All ANS members have the option to convert to Life Membership by the one-time payment of \$1,000. Life Associates and Life Fellows are excused from the payment of annual dues.

### *Shagin Elected Life Fellow*

Mr. Alex Shagin of Santa Monica, CA, was elected a Life Fellow of the Society. Mr. Shagin is the 1995 recipient of the Saltus Medal Award.

## *Members Co-author Gold Coins of the Old West, The Carson City Mint 1870-1893*

ANS members Lawrence E. Cutler, M.D. and Douglas Winter have compiled the first book devoted solely to the gold coins produced at the Carson City Mint. According to Dr. Cutler, this book explores the unique historical perspective which intertwines the history of the gold mining regions of Nevada with the numismatic history of the United States Mint at Carson City. While this is Winter's third book on U.S. gold,

## *MICHAEL DRUCK ELECTED FELLOW*

Michael Druck of New York City was elected a Fellow of the Society by mail ballot effective December 29, 1994. His election was later recorded in the Minutes of the January 14, 1995 Council meeting.

Druck, a distinguished numismatist, is on the staff of Stacks, the New York coin firm. A hemophiliac, Druck is now at home on disability suffering from AIDS, the result of receiving a blood transfusion infected with the HIV virus over 10 years ago.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, he has been active in numismatics since his youth. He became a member of the ANS in 1982. Druck currently serves as President of the New York Numismatic Club which recently presented him with a portrait medal commemorating his term of office. He is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and the 1982 recipient of its Dr. F. Parkes Weber prize for an award-winning essay.

A past President of the Westchester Israel Numismatic Society, he served as a board member of the American Israel Numismatic Society for several years. He has also served on numerous committees for local New York coin conventions.

A lifelong collector, his numismatic specialties include coins of Britain and Roman British coins; medals of numismatists; and ANS medals. As a professional numismatist, Druck is recognized as an expert on modern gold coins of the world and is a frequent contributor to the Friedberg and Krause catalogues.

previous works having detailed the Charlotte and New Orleans gold issues, the present volume includes many valuable insights and research notes compiled by Cutler in the course of collecting the series.

*Gold Coins of the Old West, The Carson City Mint 1870-1893* is available from the publisher, Bowers and Merena, in Wolfeboro, NH, 03894.

## *Arnold Attends Birthday Celebrations*

On January 27, 1995, Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, the Margaret Thompson Curator of Greek Coins at the ANS, attended the celebration of Karl Schefold's 90th and Herbert Cahn's 80th birthdays in Basel, Switzerland, where a small symposium gathering pupils, friends and families was organized by the Antikenmuseum Basel und Sammlung Ludwig. Herbert Cahn gave a lecture in honor of Karl Schefold and Erika Simon from Würzburg spoke in honor of Herbert Cahn.

The two scholar honorees went to Basel in the 30s to escape the rise of Nazism in their native Germany and it was fit to remember the origin of a 60 year-long friendship and collaboration on the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The most tangible accomplishment of this long friendship is the creation of the beautiful museum of ancient art in Basel in 1966.

Karl Schefold is a world renowned authority on Pompeian wall painting and most of all on ancient Greek and Roman art as a religious and mythological phenomenon. He taught archaeology at the University of Basel for over 40 years and directed the excavations of the Swiss Archaeological Mission in Eretria, Greece. Herbert Cahn is well known among numismatists as one of the associates of Münzen und Medallien AG, in Basel and for his books on the coins of Naxos, Sicily and Knidos, Caria. He was the 1983 recipient of the Society's Archer M. Huntington Medal. Herbert Cahn is also Arnold-Biucchi's teacher and mentor in numismatics and it was for her a great pleasure to join his other students from all over the world in the festivities and to bring the wishes of the ANS.



## Dr. Sonnenschein Joins ANS Millennium Club

The Millennium Club of The American Numismatic Society honors members with the generous foresight to include the Society in their deferred giving plans. At present the Millennium Club numbers 12 members by virtue of their notifying the Society that the ANS is included in their wills.

The newest member of the Club is Dr. Ralph R. Sonnenschein of Malibu, CA, who recently made known his plans to include the Society in his Living Trust. His is an interesting background. Dr. Sonnenschein received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Illinois. In 1951 he moved to Los Angeles to join the Department of Physiology at UCLA School of Medicine, where he remained until retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1988.

Dr. Sonnenschein has been collecting portrait medals of individuals in his field of physiology and related sciences since 1972. The collection now numbers over 1,500 pieces, dating from the late seventeenth century to the present, from many different countries throughout the world. At present Dr. Sonnenschein is preparing a descriptive catalogue of his collection.

### Information Available

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the ANS Millennium Club and how you can consider the ANS in your personal long-range planning, do telephone Arlene Jacobs at the Society. We have brochures that will be helpful when thinking about effective giving.



Dr. Ralph R. Sonnenschein

## SPONSORS NAMED

At its January 1995 meeting, the ANS Council recorded with great pleasure two new Sponsors of the Society. This category of giving honors donors who have contributed at least \$10,000 to the funds or collections of the ANS.

Recognized as Sponsors are Mr. Sidney Peerless of Cincinnati who presented the Society with an important selection of Greek coins, and J. Roy Pennell, Anderson, SC, who has, over the years benefitted the Society's Library, collections and coffers. His latest gift helps build the Modern and Latin American cabinets.

These generous members will be added to the rolls of "Patrons of the Society" published each year in the *Annual Report* of the ANS. The Society is grateful to these new honorees and to all who contribute to the growth and welfare of our organization.

## ANS Cruise Planned for October 1995

ANS members and friends will shortly receive information about an exciting offering from the Society—a Mediterranean cruise planned for October 1995.

Highlights of the ANS tour include:

- A motorcoach from Milan to Mantua for a two day stay to view the exhibit of sixteenth and seventeenth century coins from that area at the Palazzo Te. There will be coins from around the world including 50 from the ANS.
- A motorcoach from Mantua to Venice for a two day stay for sightseeing with a visit to the Mint of Venice.
- Departing from Venice for a 7-day cruise of the Greek Islands.

A well-known speaker will give lectures on the boat. The cruise and stop-over is being planned to combine an interesting, educational experience with a truly exceptional vacation. ANS members and friends are invited to contact Arlene Jacobs at the Society for further details.

## Last Call for Theater Benefit

By now all members have received personal invitations for the Theater Benefit on April 21, 1995. This will really be a very exciting evening starting with dinner at **Sardi's**, which has just gone through a wonderful transformation in their kitchen, earning the restaurant a three-star rating.

The play, *Sunset Boulevard*, needs no introduction! Its reviews, its cast, its music, and its staging speak for themselves. There are a limited number of tickets, so please return your card enclosed with the mailing as soon as you can. We are looking forward to a fine evening and would like you to share it with the fellow ANS members attending. Reservations may also be made by calling the Society's Development Officer, Arlene Jacobs, directly, at 212/234-3130.



March	4	Seminar conducted by William E. Metcalf, "A New Look at Old Mints," 1:00 PM
	11	Executive Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon
	14	Meeting of Northern NJ Society, AIA; John M. Kleeberg to speak on "The Early Buildings of New York City: The Problem of the Numismatic Evidence"; Montclair State University, Brantl Lecture Hall, 8:15 PM
	18	Huntington Award Meeting honoring Cecile Morrisson, 3:00 PM
	25	Seminar conducted by Michael L. Bates, "Collecting Islamic Coins," 1:00 PM
April	8	Seminar conducted by Alan M. Stahl, "The Mint of Venice in the Middle Ages," 1:00 PM
	10	Arethusa Lecture Series on Sicily at The Mercantile Library; Carmen Arnold-Biucchi to speak on "Understanding Sicily through its Ancient Coins," 7:00 PM
	14	Carmen Arnold-Biucchi to speak at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Uris Center Auditorium, on "Gold and Silver from Ancient Sicily: The Art of Classical Coinage," 6:00 PM
	21	ANS Benefit Theater Party, <i>Sunset Boulevard</i>
	22	Finance Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM; Council Meeting, 12:30 PM; Stack Memorial Lecture, 3:00 PM, with Robert W. Julian speaking on "The First Twenty-five Years of the Philadelphia Mint"
May	6	Seminar conducted by Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, "Portraits on Ancient Greek Coins, 1:00 PM
	6	ANS Sessions at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 3:30 PM
	31-1	International Conference in honor of Mando Oeconomides, Athens; Carmen Arnold-Biucchi to speak
June	13	ANS Graduate Seminar begins
	17	Garden State Numismatic Convention, Pennsauken, NJ Expo Center; Alan M. Stahl to speak on "The Coinage of Venice"

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